

Remarks

Entrance of this Amendment and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested. Upon entrance of this amendment, claims 3-17, 19 & 20 will be pending.

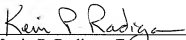
Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication of allowability of claim 3 if rewritten into independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In accordance with the amendments submitted herewith, the subject matter of allowable claim 3 is rewritten into independent form, and the dependency of claims 4-8 & 11-14 is amended to depend from claim 3. Additionally, the allowable subject matter of claim 3 is added to independent claims 17 & 20 in the amendment submitted herewith. Thus, all pending claims, i.e., claims 3-17, 19 & 20 are believed to be in condition for allowance. These amendments are submitted without acquiescing to the substance of the rejections stated in the final Office Action, and are believed to render those rejections moot.

All claims are believed to be in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

If a telephone conference would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, Applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,


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